

372.1 Forms of cities.

The forms of city government are:

1. Mayor-council, or mayor-council with appointed manager.
2. Commission.
3. Council-manager-at-large.
4. Council-manager-ward.
5. Home rule charter.
6. Special charter.
7. City-county consolidated form as provided in [sections 331.247 through 331.252](#).
8. Community commonwealth as provided in [sections 331.260 through 331.263](#).

A city when first incorporated has the mayor-council form. A city retains its form of government until it adopts a different form as provided in [this division](#).

Within thirty days of the date that [this section](#) becomes effective, a city shall adopt by ordinance a charter embodying its existing form of government, which must be one of the forms provided in [this division](#), and shall file a copy of its charter with the secretary of state, and maintain copies available for public inspection.

[C54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, §363.1, 363.30; C75, 77, 79, 81, §372.1]

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